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PR Major honored at Women of Color conference

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Maj. Mona D. Wheeler, Air Force Research Laboratory, Propulsion Directorate, was honored at the Women of Color Research, Science, and Technology Conference in September.

She was presented with Emerald Honors for Professional Achievement at the Nashville, Tenn. ceremony. The award is presented to a highly experienced, mid-career professional with significant achievements in their chosen career path of science and technology.

Wheeler, a 1991 Air Force Academy graduate was recognized for her management of space and missile propulsion programs as the Propulsion Directorate's assistant chief scientist. She is also active with interactions involving the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the National Research Council.

Her Air Force career has spanned more than 12 years and has been built on her skills and abilities as a project manager, chemist, laboratory chief, and assistant chief scientist.

Wheeler also focuses on math, science, and engineering education outreach efforts and the management of CO-OP student programs.

The year-long nationwide search to honor exceptional women technologists was sponsored by Career Communications Group, Inc. They sought candidates who highlighted the achievements of professional Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, and Black women technologists. @